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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs to news@sarl.org.za not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English. Please note as from February 2003, only news items sent to news@sarl.org.za will be accepted.

SILENT KEY

It is with regret that the Council of the SARL announces the passing away of Wally Bodmer, ZR1WB, on 29 December 2002.

Wally lived in Durban for the past 3 years having moved from Sedgefield in the Cape where he was the only resident ham in the town. He often had passing hams visiting for tea.

He was unable to transmit for about 3 years due to illness. He always listened to the local Durban net on Sunday mornings. He always made it a priority.

Our sympathy to Wally's son Bruce, his wife Ruth, other relatives and friends.

PAUSE

In the news today:

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from nine to thirteen hours (09:00 to 13:00) at 0(zero)11 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

The news follows in detail:

DATE FOR KID'S DAY ACTIVITY CHANGED

Following the receipt of a number of emails about the date of the SARL Kids Day, the matter was discussed with the Contest Manager and it was decided to move the SARL Kids Day to Saturday 8 February. Please take note of the new date.

Amateurs who plan to participate in the Kids Day event are requested to register their stations as an educational station as soon as possible. Visit the SARL website at www.sarl.org.za and complete the form. The aim of the Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people (licensed or not) to enjoy Amateur Radio. It can give young people hands-on, on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It is intended to give hams a chance to share their stations with children. The activity starts at 09:00 and ends at 11:00 CAT with activity on 20 and 40-metres and 2-meter repeater frequencies. Either set up a station at a local school or a local shopping mall or from your home and get the young people to enjoy amateur radio.

CONTESTING IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

The annual Port Elizabeth ARS VHF/UHF contest starts at 18:00 on Friday 24 January and ends at 18:00 on Sunday 26 January 2003. The rules are available at www.sarl.org.za and they have also been sent out with HF Newsletter no 29.

The first leg of the SARL HF Field Day will take place over the weekend of 08 and 09 February 2003. The rules have been changed with regard to setting up the field station and power multipliers and bonus points have been added to the scoring. The rules are in the new contest manual that should be available on the SARL website within the coming week.

2003 ARRL HANDBOOK

The 2003 ARRL Handbook is available from the SARL Bookshop. If you did not get a copy for Christmas do not despair, contact Debbie at 011 675 2393 and get yourself a copy. Amateurs in the ZS3/ZS4 area can contact Dennis ZS4BS; he has three copies with him.

SPECIAL EVENT, TO MARK MARCONI 1903 TRANSMISSION CENTENNIAL

Special event station KM1CC will be on the air January 11-19, 2003, to mark the 100th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's inaugural wireless transmission between the US and Great Britain January 18, 1903 (January 19 UTC). On that date, from the sandy Cape Cod cliffs overlooking the Atlantic, Marconi, using a powerful (35 kW) rotary spark transmitter coupled to a massive antenna system, transmitted a 54-word greeting from President Theodore Roosevelt to England's King Edward VII. The monarch promptly acknowledged receipt of the message via landline and cable, literally igniting the spark of global communication.

SARL PRESIDENT'S NET

Remember to join the Presidents Net which will be on the air every LAST Sunday of the month on 7082 kHz as from this month.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR SARLNEWS

Due to a constant flow of rubbish being sent to the Hotmail site, it was decided to relinquish that address at the end of this month. With immediate effect news contributions may be sent to mews@sarl.org.za. As from next month this will be the only address to be used for contributions.

This bulletin was compiled by Martin, ZS6ABU and read byfrom as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 21560, 9750, and 7082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban and 145,750 MHz in the Pretoria area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 20:00 CAT on 3215 kHz.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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